



THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

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H. Blackwell
398th Bomber Group Memorial Association

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

We are in receipt of your request for a new private memorial honoring the 55th Fighter Group at Nuthampstead, Hertfordshire, England. I am pleased to tell you that we have approved your application in accordance with Title 36 of the US Code of Regulations.

We understand that the construction will be paid for by the 398th Bomber Group Association and that your association will also arrange for the maintenance of this monument. We understand that the new monument will be owned by the 398th Bomber Group.

In our review of your plans, we did notice that you had one small grammatical error that we assume you will resolve before construction. In the poem, there should be an apostrophe with the first "its" since it is a contraction of the phrase "it is". We also have a question on the source of the poem that you use. Since there is no attribution, it is difficult to determine who owns the rights to the poem. We are also assuming that your organization has the right to use the poem and that the author does not require any attribution.

We give you permission to construct the monument only as described in your messages with us. We need to review any significant changes in the text or the design that may arise to verify historical accuracy or avoid potential future maintenance problems.

We appreciate your dedication to the memory of your fallen comrades and applaud your efforts to construct this memorial. Please continue to let us know how your efforts are succeeding as you move ahead to construction and dedication.

Sincerely,

William J. Leszczynski, Jr.
Brigadier General, USA (Ret)
Executive Director